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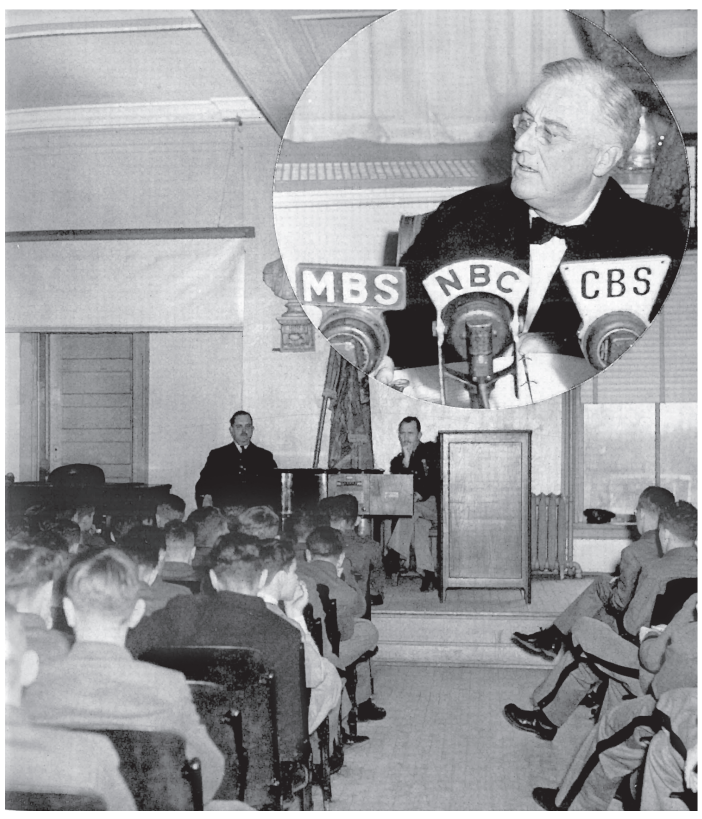

The assembled corps listens in solemn silence as President Franklin D. Roosevelt asks Congress for a declaration of war. December 8, 1941

WESTERN GRADS Answer The Call In Two World Wars

Five hundred and sixty former WMA cadets entered the service during WW I. Seventy-three percent of the school's graduates between 1909 and 1917 joined the military during the war.

In an impressive demonstration of patriotism, nearly 1,100 of Western's young men entered the service during WW II. That number is more than half of the graduates of the school to that point in time. Fifty-one were listed as killed or missing in the line of duty.

O'Hare And Tibbets Started And Ended War, Says Alumnus

One alumnus who visited Western this summer remarked, "Did you know that Western grads really started and ended the war against the Japs in the Pacific?"

He went on to explain that the first great hero of the war was Lieut. Commander Edward (Butch) O'Hare, Class '32, who struck a great blow at the Japanese by shooting down six planes single-handedly in February, 1942, in a battle over the Coral Sea. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for this exploit. Then another W. M. A. grad, Col. Paul Tibbets, Class '33, was pilot of the plane that dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima in August, 1945, thus hastening the end of the war. O'Hare and Tibbets roomed together at Western and both were cadet officers.

Butch O'Hare later was killed in a night battle off Tarawa in 1943, leading his squadron to the last. Cadets last year heard Col. Tibbets when he visited his old school give a first-hand account of the famous bombing. He was accompanied by his crew.

"Yes, they started it and finished it," said the old grad, who was a fellow cadet in the corps with O'Hare and Tibbets.

IN MEMORIAM

SERVICE RECORDS OF THE GRADUATES AND NON-GRADUATES

WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY ALTON, ILLINOIS

IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY, AND MARINE CORPS DURING WORLD WAR I AND WORLD WAR II

WORLD WAR I

Jewell, John W., 1907-10
Rollwage, Ralph, 1914-18
Starkel, Chas. L., 1911-14
Waples, Cary L., 1908-13

WORLD WAR II

Lt. Dudley T. Atkins, '41
Pvt. Ralph Biddle, '37
Lt. Douglas M. Boudeman, '36
Volunteer George E. Brannon, '24
Col. Paul A. Brickey, '11
Lt. Thomas E. Cartmell, '36-37
Pvt. Bruce Cohn, '36
Capt. Ralph S. Colby, '35
Capt. Henri Chouteau, '36
Pvt. William Harry Corcoran, '45
Capt. Walter Derris, Jr., '29
Pvt. Otto J. Dickmann, Jr., '42
Lt. A. J. Ellison, '38
Lt. Thomas Don Ferguson, '32
Capt, John Franciscus, '25
Comdr. H. S. Fulmer, '29
Pvt. Robert S. Gaston, '41
Cpl. Benjamin Goodman, '43
Lieut. Chester P. Grimm, '33
Lt. (jg) Edwin W. Hampton, '32
Lieut. Robert Hardy, '30
Lt. Carl Helmstetter, Jr., '38
Pvt. Howard Henderson, '41
Lt. (jg) Glenn Higbee, '37
S/Sgt. Joshua Hubbs, '31
Capt. Howard Hummphreys, '36
Pvt. Robert L. Jacobberger, '36
Lt. Gerald Kadet, '39
Pvt. Robert Keller, '42
Cpl. Donald Kottler, '43
A/C Robert Knapp, Jr., '41
Lt. James K. Latham, '39
Capt. Rex K. Latham, '35
Lt. J. B. Lyman, '38
Lt. Col. Max G. McCrory, '28
Lt. John R. Meyers, '41
Pfc. Robert Minner, '42
Lt. Max S. Mitchell, '30
Lt. Comdr. Edward O'Hare, '32
Lt. William H. Oldacre, '39
Pfc. James H. Oliver, '37
Capt. John L. Robinson, '36
Capt. R. W. Rulkoetter, '34
Herman Schiffers, '34
Lt. Robert B. Secord, '33
Lt. Vance I. Shield, '38
Lt. Peter W. Sommer, '37-38
Capt. George W. Stivers, '38
Lt. (jg) J. Jacque Strause, '21
Lt. Frank Viviano, '29
Capt. Robert E. Winkemeyer, '36

Gen. Paul Tibbets, '33

Paul Tibbets entered WMA in the fall of 1928. The Quincy, IL native would prove to be one of Western's most distinguished and loyal grads. After attending the Univ. of Florida, Tibbets enrolled in the Army Air Force in 1937. Early in 1942 he flew in the first daylight bombing raids by the US over German occupied Europe. As a result of these successful missions, he was called upon to ferry Gen. Eisenhower to Gibraltar on the eve of the North African invasion.

In 1944 Tibbets was asked to lead a top secret mission to organize and deliver the A-Bomb on Japan. On August 6, 1945 he would pilot the Enola Gay, a plane named for his mother, on a mission to drop the 1st A-Bomb on Hiroshima. Eight days later the war had been won and the world had entered the nuclear age. Later that year Tibbets would bring his crew to Western and review the corps. Gen. Tibbets earned many decorations during his distinguished career including the Distinguished Flying Cross twice. Sixty two years after leaving WMA, Paul Tibbets wrote to fellow alum, "Any success I had in my military career is, in large part, due to the lessons I learned at Western."

In keeping with his wishes, upon his death Paul Tibbets body was cremated and his ashes dispersed over the English Channel.

Lt. Comdr. Edward O'Hare, '32

Edward O'Hare crossed the river from St. Louis to Alton after 6th grade. During his six years at Western he developed into a young man whose WW II exploits would make him a household name.

O'Hare attended the US Naval Academy following high school, graduating in 1937. His assignment as a carrier pilot put him among the vanguard of WW II forces. In 1942, flying from the carrier Lexington, he found himself in the air alone as a squadron of 9 Japanese planes approached. Ignoring all thoughts of his own safety, O'Hare shot down at least 5 of the enemy planes totally disrupting the attack and saving the carrier. For his courage and skill he was awarded the Medal of Honor by President F. D. Roosevelt. He went on to win the Navy Cross and two Distinguished Flying Cross medals before his death in combat later in the war. In 1949 Chicago's O'Hare International Airport was named in his honor. That airport would be the busiest airport in the world for over 30 years.

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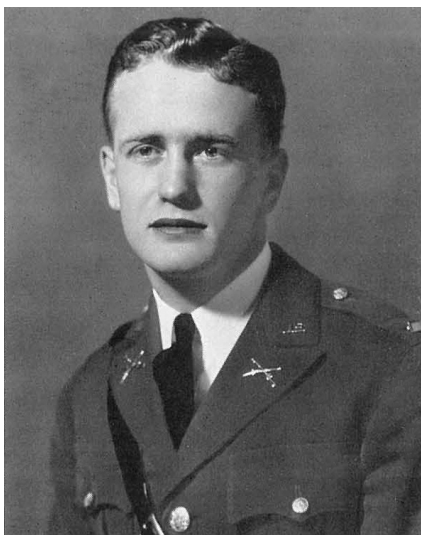
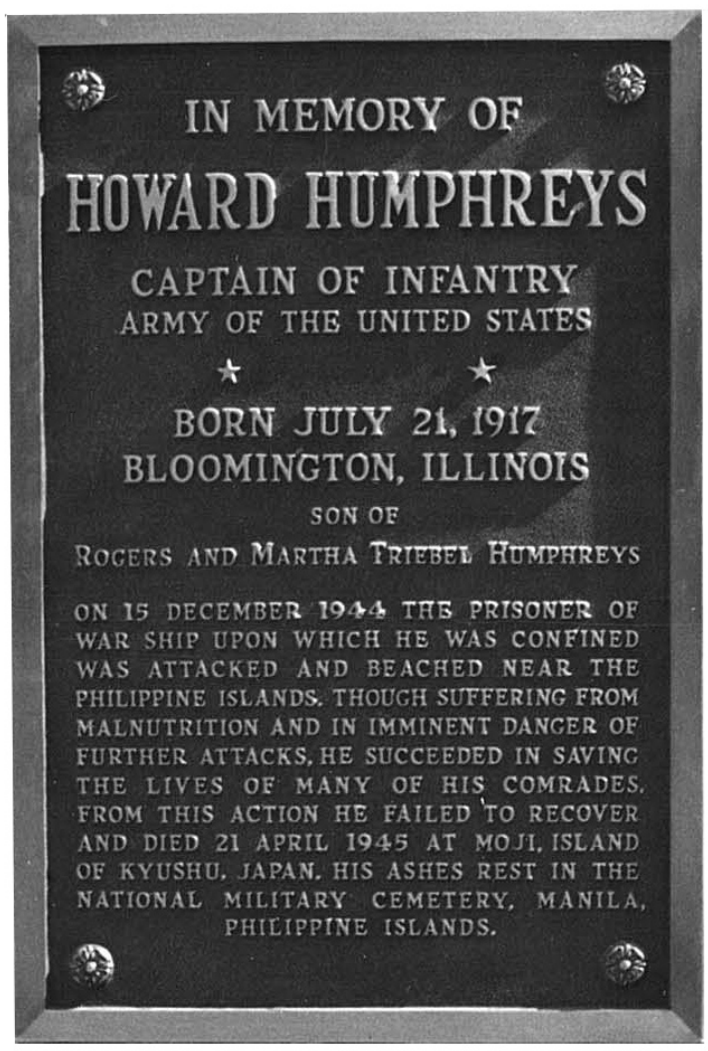


Captain Howard Humphreys, '34


IN MEMORY OF
HOWARD HUMPHREYS
CAPTAIN OF INFANTRY
ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES
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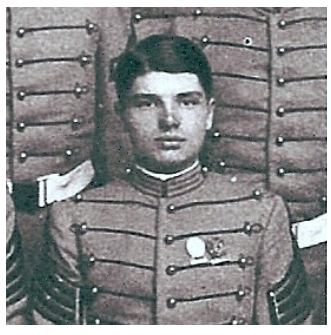
BORN JULY 21, 1917
BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS
SON OF
ROGERS AND MARTHA TRIEBEL HUMPHREYS
ON 15 DECEMBER 1944 THE PRISONER OF WAR SHIP UPON WHICH HE WAS CONFINED WAS ATTACKED AND BEACHED NEAR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. THOUGH SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION AND IN IMMINENT DANGER OF FURTHER ATTACKS, HE SUCCEEDED IN SAVING THE LIVES OF MANY OF HIS COMRADES. FROM THIS ACTION HE FAILED TO RECOVER AND DIED 21 APRIL 1945 AT MOJI, ISLAND OF KYUSHU, JAPAN. HIS ASHES REST IN THE NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERY, MANILA, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.



Maj. Gen. Carl Gray, Jr., '07

Western's Carl Gray was the son of Carl Gray Sr. who was President of the Union Pacific Railroad. Gray was a standout cadet who graduated as the valedictorian of the Western class of 1907. He attended the University of Illinois, graduating in 1911. During WW I he earned the rank of Lt. Col. where he served with distinction as a transportation officer.

With the onset of WW II, Gray was the ideal choice to be the Director General of the entire Military Railroad Service in the European theater. His performance in this role shortened the war and, according to D. D. Eisenhower in his seminal book Crusade in Europe, "more than tripled the amount of goods moved with his Yankee energy and ingenuity." Following World War II Gen. Gray was appointed to succeed Gen Omar Bradley as the head of the Veterans Administration.

Carl Gray was very loyal to WMA, making several trips to visit the school and giving a graduation address to the corp. In the middle of WW II he found time to answer a letter sent from a Western cadet with these words. "I am very proud to be an alumnus of Western and opened your envelope with a great deal of anticipation."

Gen. Edwin Randle, '13

Edwin Randle's five years as a cadet at Western Military Academy were marked by a notable affinity for leadership. Forty years after his graduation, a former cadet who had been a freshman in Randle's barracks recalled his senior superior. "Ed Randle had the affection and respect of every cadet in the corp. I am honored to have known him."

After graduating from DePauw in 1917 Randle entered the service in time for WWI. He was wounded three times in the battle of the Meuse-Argonne and reached the rank of Lt. Col.

During WWII, Randle's efforts in N. Africa and Europe earned him the personal respect of George Patton and a promotion to Brigadier General. A transfer to the Pacific theater saw Randle, as commander of the 77th Infantry Division, lead forces against the Japanese on Okinawa. During that campaign he successfully recommended one of his medics for the Medal of Honor; the only conscientious objector to receive that award.

General Randle's love for WMA never faded and years after he left the campus he wrote to the superintendent, "Fifty-two years have passed and as though it were yesterday I can see Col. A.M. Jackson enter the assembly hall to offer a prayer. I can see Major Lowe with whistle, white gloves and immaculate uniform, return the salute of every cadet."

Maj. Gen. P.T. Hill, '14

When William P.T. Hill left his hometown of Vinita, Oklahoma for Alton, IL in 1911 no one could have anticipated the kind of journey upon which he was embarking. His record at Western Military Academy included being a top student and the star of the school football team. After graduating from WMA in 1914 Hill continued his education at the University of Oklahoma. Following college, he entered active duty as a second Lt. in the Marine Corps.

Hill enrolled in flight school and by 1918 he had become one of the first Marine aviators in the Corps' storied history. He flew seaplanes in the Azores, served on the Naval Alaskan Coal Commission as a geologist surveying Alaskan Coal fields and, as a Captain, was assigned to the American Legation in Peking, China. From that post, Hill participated in Roy Chapman Andrews (the real Indiana Jones) expedition into the Gobi Desert as expedition topographer. His Marine Corp duties later took Hill to Haiti and with the onset of WWII, back to the US as Camp Commander of Camp Lejeune. By early 1944 he was made the Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps, a position he held until he retired in 1955.

During his career in the Marines General Hill had served in aviation, engineering, artillery, infantry and supply. His numerous awards include the Distinguished Service Medal and he is listed in the "Who's Who" of the Marine Corps. His citation refers to him as "one of the outstanding Supply Officers and Fiscal Directors in the U.S. Government."

Maj. Gen. Harry Collins, '15

Harry John Collins arrived on the Western campus from Chicago. During his time as a student he showed exceptional talent in military studies and athletics. After graduation Collins attended the University of Chicago and in 1917 was commissioned into the U.S. Army. His assignments in WW I were varied and included an overseas stint.

In 1943 Collins was named the commanding officer of the 42nd Infantry Division (the famed Rainbow Division). The division played a major role in halting the German advance during the Battle of the Bulge. The Rainbow Division liberated the Dachau concentration camp at the end of the war and later assumed occupation duty in Austria with Collins serving as military governor. Following the war Collins was given several command assignments and also served in the office of the Military Attaché in Moscow, USSR. Upon retirement in 1954, General Collins settled in Salzburg, Austria where he had been made an honorary citizen for liberating the city in 1945.

Collins decorations include The Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star, French Legion of Honor, and the French Croix de Guerre.

Gen. Collins gave a moving commencement speech to the Western senior class in 1944. On the eve of his departure for the war in Europe he looked out at the young men of WMA and concluded his talk by saying, "I would be proud to have any of you serve with me."

Brig. Gen. Harold Funsch, '29

Harold Funsch, WMA class of 1929, has enjoyed an outstanding career in the U.S. Air Force. After graduating from Western in 1929, Funsch continued his education, completing the St. Louis University School of Medicine in 1938. With the onset of WWII, he volunteered to serve his country. Funsch was promoted through many varied and distant positions during a steady rise through the ranks including, Wing Surgeon of the S. Atlantic Wing. Natal, Brazil, and Surgeon and Hospital Commander, Headquarters Command, Washington D.C.

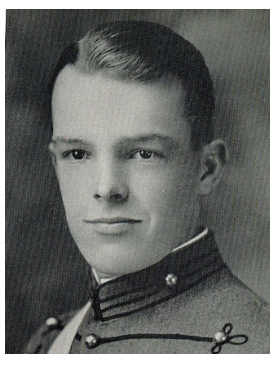
While stationed in Europe following the war, Funsch initiated Little League baseball in Europe and became the league's first commissioner. He held the same position in Japan following a promotion to the Far East Command. During the Vietnam War, he was in charge of evacuating the wounded. When he retired in 1972, Gen. Funsch was the president of the Society of USAF Flight Surgeons.

Harold Funsch was one of Western's most active cadets. He was a star baseball player, an honor roll student and a member of the dance committee.

Lt. Gen. Fred M. Dean, '34

Fred Dean, WMA class of 1934, compiled a distinguished record in the U.S. Air Force. While at Western, Dean had been an honor student, athlete and editor of the Shrapnel. Following his 1934 graduation he attended the USMA at West Point, graduating in 1938. During WW II Dean commanded the 31st Fighter Group, serving in the European and Mediterranean theaters of operations. He personally flew 104 combat missions and logged 3400 hours in the British "Spitfire" and at the age of 27 held the rank of Colonel. In 1943 Dean was assigned to serve as Executive Officer to General H."Hap" Arnold, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces and in that role accompanied President F. D. Roosevelt to the Yalta Conference and President Truman to Potsdam. At the age of 37 he would become the youngest general in the Air Force. Following the war Dean held many posts before retiring in 1972 as commander, Allied Air Forces Southern Europe in Naples, Italy.

His military decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal- Air Force design with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Service Medal-Army design, Silver Star, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters and numerous foreign awards.



Capt. Rex Latham, '35

Capt. Rex Latham was one of the finest young men ever to graduate from Western. In character, personality, and lovable disposition he was not excelled. After a splendid career at Western, during which he was active in the band and athletics, was a superior student and a cadet officer, he graduated from the University of Michigan. He received his wings at Kelly Field, Tx, in 1941. He rose to the rank of captain and was a successful instructor. After he was assigned to take the instructor's course in B-17 bombers his plane disappeared on a routine flight from Portland, Ore. to Las Vegas, Nev.

The wrecked plane was found a year later on the side of a mountain in Arizona. The giant ship, carrying eight other men, had evidently crashed in a storm. A local rancher found the body of one soldier who had gone twenty miles on make-shift crutches before succumbing. This led to the discovery of the plane. All other had evidently been killed instantly.

Capt. C.D. Hamilton, '36

Called One of Greatest Air Aces

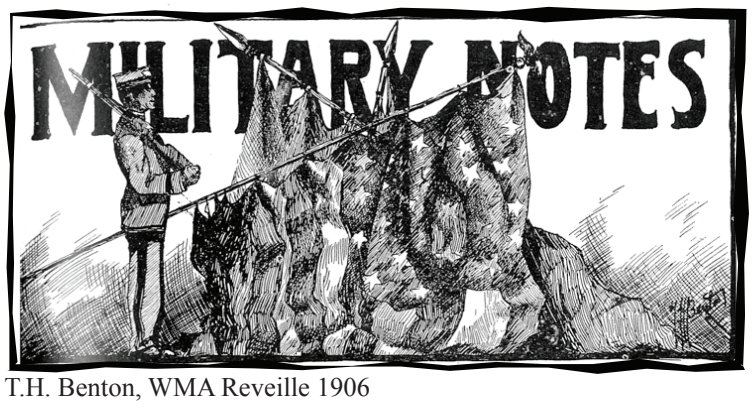
According to the "Tulsa World," Capt. C. D. Hamilton of Sapulpa, Okla., Class '36, is at home after ten months of blasting the Nazis from Tunisia to Rome. As pilot of the "Elizabeth Ann," he has been in ceaseless fighting, and he wears eight Oak Leaves, each one indicating five missions, or forty in all.

When he left Europe, he was flying his fifth "Elizabeth Ann". Four previous planes of the name were shot down. He once declined the Purple Heart in order to keep news of his serious wounds from his family. Capt. Hamilton has medals for participation in various campaigns and wears three stars, one each for the Pantellerian, Sicilian, and Italian wars. He has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. His plane, the "Elizabeth Ann," was named for his 14-month-old daughter. Her name still flies the skies.

Perhaps no Western graduate has had a more thrilling air experiences than Cap. Hamilton.

Henri Chouteau, '36

Henri Chouteau, Jr., Class '36, who took an oath of allegiance to King George to join the Royal Canadian Air Force will be going into Britain's war. He is one of a group of 142 young men selected as pilots from a group of 552 that



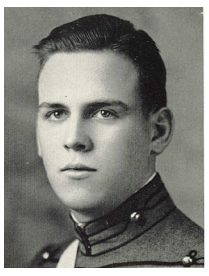
T.H. Benton, WMA Reveille 1906

entered the service.

Chouteau will become a sergeant pilot within a month and later expects to be commissioned as a flying officer. As a pilot in the cold Canadian winters, which can reach temperatures of 30 degrees below zero at high altitudes, he will have to wear a heavy fur flying suit and fleece-lined boots.

Henri had a fine record at Western. He was a cadet lieutenant in the battalion. He was one of the greatest swimmers ever to attend the school, winning All-American rating. He was also on the "A" football team.

Chouteau is a member of one of the oldest pioneer families of St. Louis - a family which played a prominent part in the founding of the city.



Lt. Jack Ellison, '38

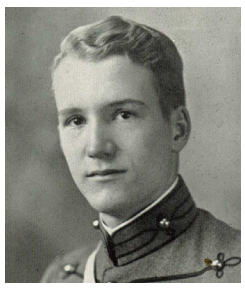
Lieut. Ellison graduated from Western in 1938, and attended school at two Universities before going into the service.

At Western, Jack Ellison was well liked during his four years at the school. He was tall and handsome, and always he was interested in a military career.

He was one of the first Alton men to go on active duty in the war. He was called to active duty with the Alton National Guard in 1941 and was made a second lieutenant in 1942 after special infantry training. Desiring more action, he asked to be changed from the Infantry to the Paratroopers. He was an excellent and efficient officer.

Lieut. Ellison was killed in action in Luzon in 1945 while directing the rescue of American troops trapped in a burning building under heavy Japanese fire. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Silver Star medals.

Lieut. Ellison left behind his wife, Miriam Kindermann Ellison, a former Monitcello girl, and his son, Robert Jackson Ellison, 7 months old, whom he never had the chance to see.



James K. Latham, '39

Jim Latham attended W.M.A. four years. In 1939 "Recall" stated that in a popularity contest in the senior class Jim would rank at the top. He held the esteem of all who knew him. He was a star athlete, playing on many teams and winning varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball. He graduated as a cadet lieutenant and was very active in school life.

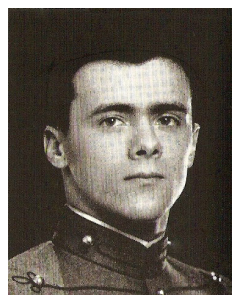
Lt. Latham then attended the University of Illinois but left shortly before his graduation to join the U.S. Marines. After winning his commission, he was married to Miss Barbara Martin of Champaign, IL. They had a few short months together before he was sent overseas.

Though no particulars have been given, Lt. Latham evidently made the supreme sacrifice in combat during one of the battles in the Pacific, Okinawa, as the Marines slowly cleared the island of fanatical Japanese.

Lt. Gen. Rolland Heiser, '43

Rolland Heisers career at Western Military Academy was an indication of the excellence that lay ahead. During his senior year at WMA Heiser was a Company Commander, Barracks Chief, and a member of the National Honor Society, the "W" Club, and the 400 Club.

Heiser entered the US Military Academy in the fall of 1943 and graduated in 1947. He would later earn a Masters degree in International Relations from George Washington University. Heiser's service in the U.S. Army included command positions at every level from platoon through division. He had a stint with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was Commander of the 1st Army Division in Europe, and served as the Chief of Staff; US Army in Europe. His foreign service included 16 years in Europe, 18 months in Korea, and 3 years in Vietnam. A lifelong proponent of higher education, Heiser founded the Korean Military Academy in 1954 and the Vietnamese National defense College in 1968. His busy retirement has included serving as the President of the New College Foundation, Sarasota, Fla. New College is the elite unit of the Fla. State University system



Cdr. John Dewenter, '45

John Robert Dewenter, Jr., Class '45, is rapidly accumulating honors and decorations in the U.S. Navy.

A dispatch from the Information Office, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., told about Navy Commander Dewenter receiving a gold star in lieu of a Second Distinguished Flying Cross.

The dispatch went on to state: "Commander Dewenter, a student at the Army War college, also received gold stars in lieu of 4th and 5th Air Medals and a silver star in lieu of a 6th Air Medal. He also received the Navy Commendation Medal. A Navy combat pilot, he received the citations for service while commanding Attack Squadron 23 embarked in the 'USS Midway' during combat strikes in Vietnam."

The "Shrapnel" had previously carried and article about Commander Dewenter's service on the carrier "Midway." He was formerly a member of the Navy's "Blue Angels," a precision flying team.

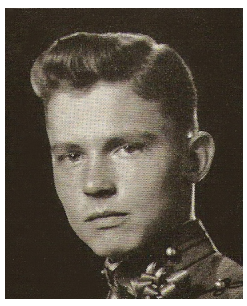
Rear Adm. Mark Frudden, '45

Western Grad at the center of a major Cold War conflict

Mark Frudden came to Western at the age of 13 from Greene, Iowa. When he graduated five years later, he was on the cusp of a naval career that would, at one point, find him in the middle of a highly

visible international crisis.

Frudden attended the U.S. Naval Academy. His 1950 graduation found him in the service of a navy that had just entered the Korean War. Frudden served on numerous ships and served as the Commanding Officer of four. He later attended both the Naval War College and the National War College. During Vietnam, Frudden served one year "in country" visiting all sites that had U.S. Navy personnel. In 1976 Frudden was serving as Commanding Officer of Naval Forces in Korea and had the additional responsibility of being the senior representative of the U.N. command in dealing with North Korean forces. In August of 1976, the murder of two US soldiers in the DMZ drew the attention of the world to Panmunjom were Admiral Frudden confronted North Korean negotiators over the incident. He was serving as Commander of Task Force 73 in the Philippines at the time of his retirement.



Lt. Gen. Ed Partain, '47

Ed Partain came to Western from Paragould, Arkansas. He was one of the most talented leaders in an outstanding senior class. Partain was a member of the 400 Club and the National Honor Society. In the field of athletics, he stared on the basketball team and was a member of the "W" Club.

Partain spent most of his life in the service of his country. After graduating from the USMA in 1951 he was sent to Korea where he was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. In 1964 he led troops in Vietnam and was awarded a 2nd Bronze Star and a 2nd Purple Heart. During his next tour in Vietnam, Partain was awarded a Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and a Commendation Medal for Valor as well as a 3rd Purple Heart. Before a well earned retirement as Commanding General of the 5th US Army, he was also awarded the Legion of Merit.

In a 1947 Shrapnel writer Jay Heyman showed good insight when he wrote of Ed Partain, "In character, intelligence, personality and ability he has what it takes to insure success."

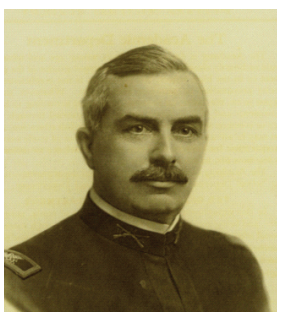
Capt. Jack Abraham, '49

Capt. Jack B. Abraham, Jr., Class of '49, was decorated eleven times during his second tour of duty with the Fifth Special Forces in Vietnam. He received 3 Bronze Stars, 3 Air Medals, one Soldier's Medal, one Army Commendation Medal, and 3 Crosses of Gallantry Medals from the government of Vietnam, in addition to several Oak Leaf Clusters.

Capt. Abraham of Bristow, OK, received his medals for bravery and valor. His Army Commendation "V" medal for valor was awarded to him for saving the lives of countless civilians, women and children when a fire broke out in a Vietnamese village.

Capt. Abraham strongly believes that the United States is justified in taking part in the war in Vietnam and that the U.S. forces will win.

Capt. Abraham is the fifth member of his family to attend Western. His father, Mr. Jack Abraham, graduated in 1924.



Col. A. M. Jackson

Born in West Middlesex, Penn 1860, Albert Mathews Jackson would live a life devoted to education. He earned an AB Degree from Princeton in 1884 and received an honorary AM Degree from the same school in 1887.

In 1886 Jackson was lured west to work with nationally known educator and Amherst graduate Edward Wyman. Western Military Academy had opened as boarding school for young men on the hills of Upper Alton in 1879. Upon Wyman's death in 1888 Jackson became the Superintendent, a position he held until his death in 1919. He had managed Western's affairs as it evolved into one of the most prestigious private schools in the country. Jackson had seen Western graduates go on to quality colleges including, West Point, Annapolis, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Tulane, Northwestern, U. of Chicago, and numerous state universities. He had justifiable pride in others who were on the road to achieving national accolades in the arts, business and the military.

Col. R.L. Jackson, '06

Ralph Leroy Jackson was born on the campus of Western Military Academy in 1888. The son of A.M. Jackson, he would die sixty four years later on the same campus, having devoted his life to the school. Ralph graduated from WMA in the class of 1906. Like his father, he received his degree from Princeton in 1911 before returning to Western. R.L. Jackson was an instructor and coach before succeeding his father as head of the institution.

Colonel R.L. Jackson's tenure at Western saw the continued evolution of the academy during the 1920's. The depression years found WMA's enrollment cut in half, but the national appreciation of military training insured the high quality of the cadet corps. During the last two decades of his life Col. Jackson had watched a generation of Western cadets leave the campus and enter the service of their country during WWII. The extent of their sacrifice and the level of their achievements were astounding.

VIETNAM: LT. COL. PARTAIN, '47, WAS COMMANDING OFFICER AT THE BATTLE OF DAK TO IN NOV., 1967

COL. C.W. MELDRUM, '18, SERVED IN BOTH WWII & IN KOREA

MR. EUGENIO GARZA, CADET OF '09, STARTS M.I.T. IN MONTEREY

Col. R.B. Jackson, '35

Western Military Academy suffered a great loss in the death of Colonel R. L. Jackson, but he left a trained organization of key men who will carry on the work of the school successfully.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors, his oldest son, Lieut. Ralph B. Jackson, was elected president and superintendent of the Academy. He has been on the faculty, both before and after World War II, as an instructor, coach, and finally as assistant superintendent for the past two years.

Lieut. Jackson represents the third generation of his family to assume control of Western. He was born in Alton in 1917 and graduated from Western in 1935 as a cadet officer. As a cadet, he set new records on the swimming team.

Lieut. Jackson attended Colorado College and Princeton University. He received his A.B. Degree from the University of Chicago and his A.M. Degree from Washington University, St. Louis. His teaching career at W.M.A. was interrupted by service as an officer in the U.S. navy during World War II.

RICHARD BEARDSLEE RECEIVES HIGHEST HONOR FOR HEROISM, GETS AMERICAN LEGION AWARD FOR SAVING BOY'S LIFE

BOB MOEHLE, '48, JET PILOT IN NAVY, IS KILLED IN AIRCRAFT CARRIER CATAPULT ACCIDENT IN 1956

GENERAL GAVAN, '22, IS DIVISION COMMANDER AT FT. RILEY, KN, GRADUATE MADE BRIG. GENERAL IN SEPTEMBER OF '54

CHARLES BOILES, '50, NAMED ACADEMY'S MOST TALENTED ALUMNUS OF MUSIC, WON 1ST PLACE TWICE IN IL. STATE MUSIC COMPETITION

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE RIBBON AWARDED TO CADET DERRICK, SAVES CADET GOMEZ FROM DROWNING IN POND

LT. COL. DON CAULFIELD, '32, VETERAN OF WWII & KOREA

HOWARD HUMPHREYS, '36, GIVEN ALL AMERICAN RANK, 2ND PLACE IN FANCY DIVING

LT. PAUL BRANER, '46, CITED FOR BRAVERY IN KOREAN ACTION

LIEUT. TOM CLACK, VALEDICTORIAN 1948, DECORATED IN KOREA, AWARDED SILVER STAR MEDAL, 2 PURPLE HEARTS, AND BRONZE STAR MEDAL

LT. DON REED '47, GETS COMMENDATION RIBBON FOR SERVICE, WAS WITH ORDINANCE DISPOSAL UNIT IN KOREA

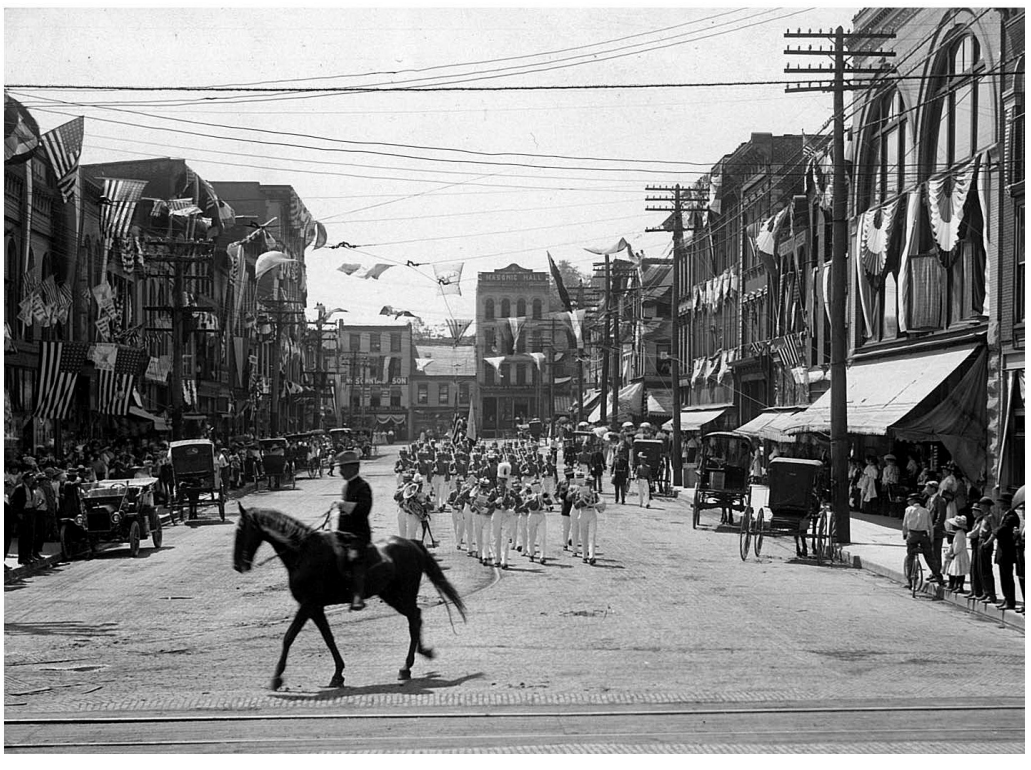
DEATH OF CAPT. ROESCH, '29, STORY OF GREAT HEROISM IN KOREA, RECOMMENDED FOR D.S.C. AWARD

DICK MORAHN, '50, IS MADE FIRST SERGEANT OF OUTFIT IN KOREA

LT. BILL GREEN, '47, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN KOREA, HAS RECEIVED PURPLE HEART AND BRONZE STAR

LT. BOB McINTYRE, '47, KILLED ON KOREA FRONT

LT. TOM BLACK, '48, SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN KOREA



Colonel A. M. Jackson leads cadet corp. in downtown Alton parade.

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John Stelle 1907-08

Following his term as governor, John Stelle played a crucial role in the design and passage of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the G.I. Bill of Rights, which ranks among the most progressive and beneficial laws enacted by any nation. According to his citation in the James Bryant Conant Award, "Stelle, a World War I veteran and past national commander of the American Legion, quarterbacked a team of Legion officials that, in the space of just six months, designed and put forth the main features of the GI Bill, organized massive public support and shepherded its successful passage through Congress. Stelle's leadership and behind-the-scenes negotiating skills are widely credited for the legislation's surviving stubborn pockets of resistance, intense debate and a conference committee deadlock that nearly scuttled the bill at the 11th hour."

Late in life, he was a stalwart supporter of John F. Kennedy during his 1960 campaign for President of the United States, and assisted in forming a coalition of supporters from central Illinois. Kennedy, from personal accounts, credited that coalition with helping him win that pivotal state (by a narrow 11,000 vote margin).

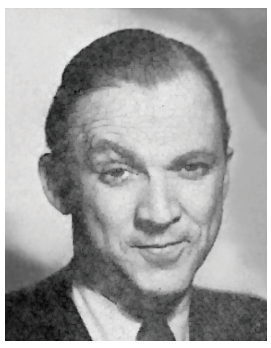
In 2002, Stelle won the James Bryant Conant Award posthumously by the Education Commission of the States.

William Schott, '11

World Famous Diplomat Recalls His Western Days

Wm. Schott, WMA`11, has written a letter to Col. Jackson remembering his days as a cadet. He wrote of "a feeling of gratitude and affection for those gentlemen of WMA who inculcated in me a physical, moral and spiritual idea which sustained me through the years."

Following his WMA years, Mr. Schott attended the U.S. Naval Academy, the University of Poitiers School for Foreign Students and the University of Eger, Hungary. The extent of his military and diplomatic career is breathtaking. Schott's life work took him from Budapest to Berlin to El Salvador and all points between. Near the end of WWII he was an administrator on the North African Economic Board and in 1954 he retired as Tripartite Chief of Protocol for the Allied High Command in Germany.



Lee Tracy, '18

Western grad earns Academy Award Nomination for movie role.

In the final film of his long career, Western's Lee Tracy was nominated as Best Supporting Actor for his role in the 1964 Hollywood hit film The Best Man. Tracy, a member of the same Western class as CBS Chairman Wm. Paley, served in WWI and earned a degree from Union college before starting his movie career. During his nearly 40 years stage and screen heyday, Tracy often played the role of a fast talking newspaper reporter.

William Paley '18

Named Chairman Of The Board Of Columbia Broadcasting System

Bill Paley graduated from Western in the class of 1918. He then attended Wharton School, graduating from the U. of Pennsylvania in 1922. His family was descended from Russian Jews and he found a caste system at Wharton that he had never experienced at WMA. In 1929 he became the owner of a failing CBS radio network and his rise to power was underway. During WWII he was the head of Physiological Operations under D. D. Eisenhower and was awarded the Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Merit. Under his leadership CBS news division dominated broadcast journalism for decades. Don Hewitt of 60 Minutes wrote that "Bill Paley was the man who 1st put Frank Sinatra and Ed Morrow on the radio and 60 Minutes on TV." In his memoirs Paley remembered his time at Western as a "turning point in my life."

Rey Scott, 1919-21

Rey (Reynolds) Scott, former W.M.A. cadet from '19 to '21, received an award at the recent Hollywood dinner of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences for his fine picture, "Kukan," the story of China's struggle. It was the first award ever made for a documentary film.

Rey Scott, formerly of St. Louis, has been an aviator, adventurer, and film expert for several years. China was his field, where he became very popular with officials and natives alike. Every few years, Rey Scott would write a letter to Col. Jackson or Major Moore stating he was returning to the U.S. with more films and adventure stories. He has appeared at the school several times with his movies and lectures.

Western Grads Build National Landmark

Robert MacDonald WMA`26 and brother Wilfred MacDonald WMA `30 are the owners of the company awarded the contract for construction of the St. Louis Gateway Arch. Robert MacDonald is the President of MacDonald construction Co., a company previously run by their father. Wilfred earned his engineering degree from Washington U. in St. Louis and before he returned to family company worked in the Foreign Service. As a Foreign service Officer he was assigned to posts in Egypt, Turkey and the Philippines. In 1996, Wilfred wrote a note to the Alumni newsletter in which he praised his Western instructors as "A wonderful bunch."

Sander Millman Vanocur, '46

Sandy Vanocur had a right to be proud of his five eventful years at Western. He waxed eloquent in the field of oratory, and his quick, sometimes cutting, humor won many admiring friends. Sandy was a leader in many activities, but his leadership was not of the stellar or pedestal type. Rather he was the driving force behind projects that had influence in getting things done. He gave more time and effort to the yearbook than any other person did, and its completion is a monument to his work. His success in dramatics and sports will also be remembered. Sandy was handsome, with ruddy complexion set off by wavy black hair. This might well have been his motto: "I may be the first to oppose your opinion, but I will also be the first to defend your right to give that opinion."

Cadet Lieutenant Adjutant; Editor of the "Recall"; Senior Dance Committee; President of the Thespians; "A" Football 2 years; Varsity Soccer 4 years; Co-captain Soccer 1 year; J.V. Baseball 1 year; Senior Play.

Sander Vanocur went on to have his own program on T.V. broadcasting news and comments for NBC on Saturday evenings. He was a prominent young newscaster for NBC for many years.

At the joint debate between presidential candidates, Nixon and Kennedy, Vanocur was one of the four panel members representing the big T.V. networks who asked questions of the speakers during the nationwide broadcast.

Vanocur has gone far in the field of television.

Jerry Mayer '49

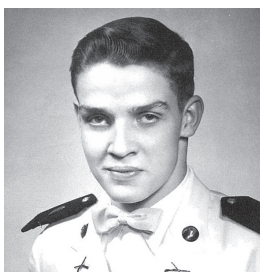
Playwright Jerry Mayer's writing experience spans a twenty-five year period of writing and/or producing hit TV comedies including "All in the Family," "MASH," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "The Bob Newhart Show," "The Facts Of Life," (Exec. Producer) and multiple Mitzi Gaynor Specials, including her live Las Vegas shows. Los Angeles theatre audiences will remember him from his long string of critically and audience acclaimed hit plays all of which debuted in his adopted hometown of Los Angeles: "Almost Perfect," "Aspirin & Elephants," "A Love Affair," "Killjoy," "Falling in Love Again" -the Dietrich/Chevalier story, "You Haven't Changed A Bit And Other Lies" (with Steve Mayer), "2 Across," and "Black & Bluestein." Mayer's plays have been performed Off Broadway, throughout the USA, in Canada and throughout Germany. In April, three of his plays will be playing concurrently on Los Angeles stages when his 2004 hit comedy "2 Across" will be performed as part of the Westside JCC celebrity stage readings series.

Robert Hardesty, '49

Former cadet becomes speech writer and confidant to President Lyndon Johnson

Bob Hardesty left Western unsure of his future. A short stretch of "bumming around" ended with his enrollment at George Washington University where he developed his passion for politics and writing. Washington D.C. was the ideal spot and he was selected, by Lyndon Johnson, to serve as his speech writer and legislative assistant. Hardesty's 7 years as a trusted lieutenant in Johnson's War on Poverty were "the most exciting and stimulating of my life."

He was later appointed by Gerald Ford to serve on the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service; a body that he later chaired. He is currently President Emeritus of Southwestern Texas State University.



Michael H. Wallis, '63

It has been said, "reading a Michael Wallis book is like dancing to a romantic ballad. He offers his hand and gently guides you across the floor, swaying to the song of the American West."

A best-selling author and award-winning reporter, Michael is a historian and biographer of the American West who has gained national notoriety

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as a speaker and voice talent. In 2006 Michael's voice was heard in CARS, an animated feature film from Pixar Studios, also featuring Paul Newman, Bonnie Hunt, Owen Wilson, Michael Keaton, and George Carlin. Michael served as a consultant for Pixar and he and his wife, Suzanne Fitzgerald Wallis, co-authored The Art of Cars, a book chronicling the making of the motion picture.

A storyteller who likes nothing better than transporting audiences across time and space, Michael has published seventeen books, including Route 66: The Mother Road, credited with sparking the resurgence of interest in the highway. His work has appeared in hundreds of national and international magazines and newspapers, including Time, Life, People, Smithsonian, The New Yorker, and The New York Times.
Michael has been nominated three times for the Pulitzer Prize and was a nominee for the National Book Award. He has won many prestigious awards and honors.

Michael was inducted into the Writers Hall of Fame of America and the Oklahoma Professional Writer's Hall of Fame and was the first inductee into the Oklahoma Route 66 Hall of Fame.

Since 1982, Michael and his wife, Suzanne Fitzgerald Wallis, have made their home in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Gray M. Magee, '26

Dartmouth star to return to Western as administrator

Gray Magee's storied career was an integral part of the Western legacy. He graduated in 1926 as Valedictorian, Class President, Battalion Commander and a three sport star. When he returned for a year of Jr. College he became the only cadet to be a Major twice. His WMA record earned him an automatic appointment to West Point but he opted to attend Dartmouth College. His excellence continued at the Ivy League school. When he graduated in 1931 he was the President of his class and the Captain of the basketball team. In 1932 Magee accepted a lucrative position with Southwestern Bell in St. Louis and was on the fast track at the company when he was drawn back to Western in 1938. He accepted a position as Secretary-Treasurer and Athletic Director. He sent two sons to WMA. When Gray Magee retired in 1969 he had been at Western for 35 years as a cadet and administrator. His impact on the success of the school was profound.

T. H. Benton, 1906

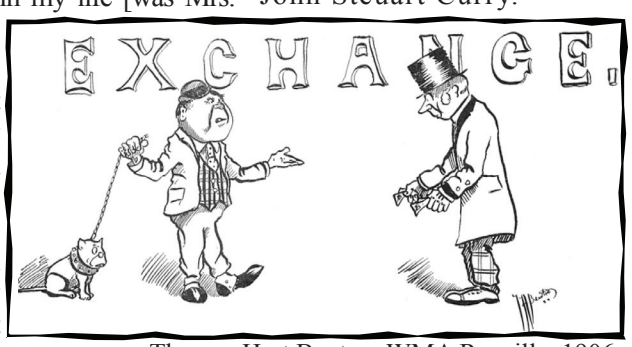
"The Reveille appears to have in T.H. Benton what we have found in our Fred Weld."

Thomas Hart Benton, the famous Missouri artist, was a cadet at W.M.A. in 1906. He is quoted as saying "the teacher who made what is perhaps the most decisive impression in my life [was Mrs. Mary K. Dodge] who taught me in my seventeenth year when I was putting in a sojourn at a military academy at Alton, Illinois." Mrs. Dodge was the head of the English department at the time and she introduced the young, restless cadet to the wonders of English poetry.

Mr. Benton went on to become a renowned artist at the forefront of the Regionalist art movement. He has created famous works of New York, and Martha's Vineyard, but is best associated with the Midwest.

Murals he painted for the Missouri State Capitol building in Jefferson City, "Social History of Missouri", caused some controversy because of his realistic representation of Missouri's prominent historical figures. The murals are still considered his greatest work.

In 1934, Benton was featured on the first color cover of *Time* magazine along with fellow Midwestern artists Grant Wood and John Steuart Curry.



Thomas Hart Benton, WMA Reveille, 1906

Our Graduates Set An Example

We have had so many letters from W.M.A. grads who are making outstanding records in the fields of business, the theater, professions, and the Armed Forces of the United States. They include actors, ministers, educators, doctors, bankers, and executives.

Just read some of their letters or accounts of their success. They are proud to serve their country and they fill positions of responsibility.

When we look at their records at Western, we find they were loyal cadets who did their best in all activities at the Academy—academics, athletics, band, dramatics, "Shrapnel" staff, "Recall" staff, and military. All of our successful alumni showed as cadets that they had character traits which predicted future achievement. They were loyal, industrious, and reliable. They loved Western and supported its ideals and traditions. They were not "goofers".

We might ask ourselves, "How do we as cadets today measure up to their standards?" We have many fine boys in the corps today. They are the strength of the school. However, do we have some cadets who are immature, who mess around, who just try to get by, and who violate rules?

Western's alumni are famous, loyal, and productive. Why can't we follow their examples here? It's time for some of us to look at the records of our fine former cadets who lived upon this campus and decide to get down to business.

"Them was men in those days". Let's have real men in our corps today.

"Cousins on a Cannon" 1925

Albert Mathew Jackson had three children (Ralph Leroy Jackson, Grace Jackson Ellison, and Florence Jackson Latham) and nine grandchildren. All of the cousins lived on the campus or in homes bordering it. Charles Jackson (WMA 39) recalls that the kids were all competitors and best friends. He particularly remembers Jack Ellison and Jim Latham, running swimming and playing football, as inseparable. On the morning of July 4th 1925 the parents rounded up the cousins for a group picture. They scrambled on, or were lifted to, the barrel of a WWI cannon that stood on Western grounds. They could not have known, then, what their future held. They were to become the WWII generation. All nine entered the military service in behalf of their country during the war. Three would never return to Western, having made the ultimate sacrifice.

Left to Rt:

Ralph Jackson WMA '35, U.S. Naval Aviation. Stationed Alameda CA.

Rex Latham WMA 35, USAAF Bomber pilot. Killed ferrying plane across Sierra Nevada Mt's.

Jack Latham WMA 36, USAAF Fighter pilot European Theatre.

Jack Ellison WMA 38, US Army Paratrooper, Killed in action during the battle of Manila, Philippines. Silver Star, Bronze Star, 2 Purple Hearts

Charles Jackson WMA 39, USAAF served in N.Africa, Italy, Germany

Jim Latham WMA 39, USMC. Killed in action during the fighting on Okinawa

Jane Ellison. WAC served stateside during the war. Later Japan and in Europe

Mary Ellison, WAVES. Served in Washington D.C.

Bill Jackson WMA 41, US Army Infantry. General's Aide 5th Army in Europe. Bronze Star for bravery

EDITORIAL

It has been thirty-eight long years since the last W.M.A graduation class walked across the stage in the Lower Gym. Thirty-eight years since Col. Moore gave the final command, "Dismissed".

Weather, neglect, vandalism, theft, arson and the wrecking ball have severely scarred Western's once beautiful and historic campus. Only the Administration Building, Lower Gym and "C" Barracks remain along with the Front Gate and the Memorial Entrance Way.

Over the years many of Western's sons, faculty and staff have departed from this world. Many of them made the ultimate sacrifice bravely serving their Country so that those of us that are alive today are able to live in a free and prosperous country.

Western's alumni, faculty and staff excelled not only in military service, but also in many other fields such as business, education, medicine, television, movies, art and music.

This Memorial Day Alumni issue of the Shrapnel represents a limited number of these success stories, since the school's records stop in 1971 and many of the success stories prior to the 1930's were unavailable while compiling this tribute.

It is our deepest hope that this Alumni edition will generate enough interest that a group will be formed that will be dedicated to preserving what remains of Western's proud and distinguished history. This effort can be as small as digitizing and storing all of Western's history from Shrapnels, catalogues and Recalls to loose photos, slides, 8mm film and postcards. Time is the enemy and these items must be adequately persevered, soon. Other material items such as uniforms, framed photos, paintings, sabers, and furniture also need to be collected, preserved, and displayed. A true Western Wall of Honor needs to be created and displayed.

The Academy grounds are currently for sale. We may not have the funds to restart Western, but we could at least explore purchasing the grounds and other less ambitious possibilities before it is too late. A not for profit entity needs to be formed with an elected Board of Directors. With a legal entity in place fund raising and endowments could begin. Plans for preserving Western could be formulated and negations could commence. Requests for historic preservation grants could be written.

Thirty-eight years has been too long. Let's not let another year pass without at least trying to preserve what remains. These long and painful thirty-eight years have taught all of us that unless we of Western heritage make this final effort, no else will, and in the future nothing of Western's once proud and historic history will remain.

Monday, October 1938 Cadet Gottfried, Gen. Doan, Robert Wadlow

CADETS SEE ROBERT WADLOW, WORLD'S TALLEST MAN

Western cadets were greatly interested in the visit of Robert Wadlow, Alton's most famous citizen, to the school last Monday. He was the guest of Col. Jackson at lunch, and when he entered the mess-hall, all eyes were upon him.

Wadlow is the tallest man ever known to medical science. Though only 20 years of age, he is 8ft., 9in. tall and weighs 465 pounds. He has recently returned from a tour of the West. He is a graduate of Alton High School and attended Shurtleff College.

Wadlow is aiding in the drive to collect funds for a new organ at the Methodist Church of Upper Alton, of which he is a member. He consented to pose for all kinds of pictures. Col. Jackson is to donate the paper and Capt. Williams the printing. Whatever is realized from the sale of these pictures will go entirely to the church organ fund.

Wadlow proved to be very gracious and friendly. He towered above the group of admiring cadets, who always surrounded him. He posed with groups in front of the various barracks, with the color guard, with Capt. Doan and the smallest cadet, Gottfried, with Maj. Henderson, with one of the horses, and with a rifle in his hands. He was so good-natured about it that all cadets hope he realizes a big sum for the pipe organ.

Col. Doan, With 3rd Armored Division, Spearhead of Army

The 3rd Armored Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, has won such fame in Europe that the "Stars and Stripes" recently issued a booklet titled, "Call Me Spearhead," telling of the heroic feats of that unit. One of the commanders of a tank force in that division is Lt. Col. Leander L. Doan, who was P.M.S. and T. at Western from 1935 to 1940 and who is still remembered as one of the best and most rugged army officers ever detailed here. At that time, he was a lieutenant.

The 3rd Armored Division from the time it landed in France has been "first" in many operations and has spearheaded the drive all the way across France into Germany.

Some of the exploits listed:

FIRST division unit to cross German border, Sept. 2, 1944.

FIRST to take a German town, Roetgen, in this war, Sept. 13, 1944.

FIRST to breach the Siegfried Line. This was done by Lt. Col. Doan's task force near Scheidmuchle, Germany, Sept. 13, 1944.

FIRST to shoot down an enemy plane from German soil, Sept. 18, 1944.

FIRST to fire an artillery shell at German soil, Sept. 10, 1944.

FIRST American division to pierce completely the Siegfried Line, Sept. 15, 1944.

FIRST to invade Germany since Napolean.

Truly this division was a spearhead that opened the way across France.

Jack Dempsey becomes an honorary member of Western's "W" Club. The former Heavyweight Champion of the World visited WMA and handed out athletic letters to the "W" Club.

August A. Busch was a regular contestant at the annual Western Horse show. He is shown here with his champion jumper "Yankee Doodle."

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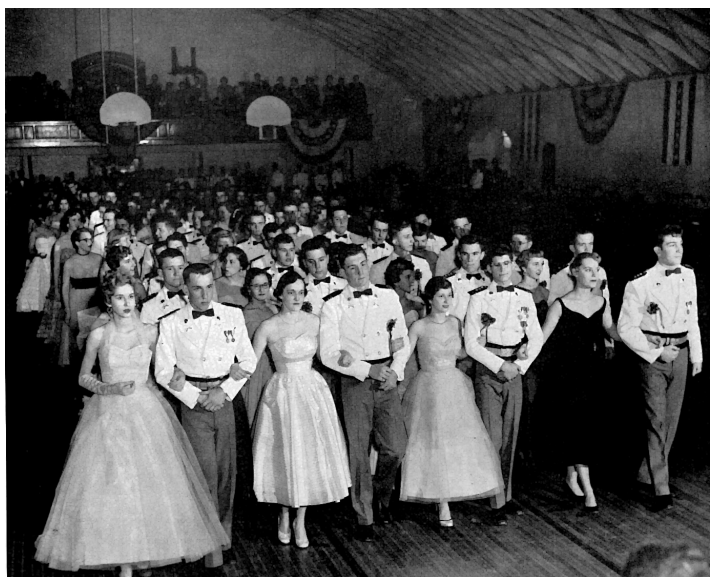
Western is fortunate in having a girls' college like Monticello situated so close to our school. We are deeply appreciative of what they add to our life. This year both schools have cooperated in having many delightful social affairs together. "Monti" always has a group of attractive girls who are ready to contribute charm and pleasure to any event.

Cadets arrive to escort Monti girls on an outing.

This fall, students of both schools have attended the large dances given at Monticello or at Western. They went on the boat trip together. The "Monti" girls have been present at all Saturday night informal dances, making them more successful than ever before. A new practice this year has permitted cadets to invite some of the young ladies to Western to dinner, and Monitcello has reciprocated. When the two schools have similar activities, such as swimming and horseback riding, the members of both groups often get together. And we have often been encouraged by seeing our attractive neighbors at football games and dress parades.

Old grads tell us that such pleasant relations did not always exist. In the old days, Monticello was something only to be talked about. The girls never attended dances, social events, or boat trips with the cadets. The only time cadets saw the young ladies was at very formal receptions or teas at the college, when everyone sat around very erect and ill-at-ease. Thank heavens! that is changed. Now Monticello has won the reputation of giving delightful and well appointed social affairs.

We hope that these enjoyable events may continue, and that nothing may mar the relationships which officials and students of the both institutions have established. Here's to Monticello's future success and happiness - for, in a way, their's is identical with ours!



The Grand March at Military Ball.

Dizzy Dean Visits School and Talks to Western Corps

Dizzy Dean, famous St. Louis Cardinal pitcher, visited Western last Wednesday evening, making the trip here with Mr. Russell Meyers of St. Louis. They had dinner with Col. Jackson and the W.M.A. coaching staff. The "Ole Diz" spoke to the cadets on the bleachers about the fine points of baseball.

He demonstrated how he held the ball when he was pitching and discussed batting. Cadets asked questions and Dizzy gave some interesting information. He said the batter that gave him the most trouble was Paul Waner and declared Joe Medwick to be the greatest hitter in the game today.

Frank Sinatra gives a surprise performance at Western

The afternoon of Oct. 3, 1940 was a red letter day at Western Military Academy. World famous crooner Frank Sinatra and the Tommy Dorsey band made a special trip to Alton to entertain the cadet Corps. The cadets gave the performers a standing ovation and Sinatra obliged with an encore performance of "Only Forever." The entertainer came to WMA at the request of Mr. Harvey Beffa, head of the St. Louis Shriners.

Amelia Earhart

World Famous woman flyer visits Western Military Academy

During a U.S. tour, Amelia Earhart made a special stop in Alton to visit WMA. On October 26, 1933, Earhart electrified the cadet corps with the story of her recent solo Trans Atlantic flight. Among the cadets who heard her speech were Fred Dean, who would earn fame for his aerial feats in WW II and become the youngest General in the Air Force and Paul Tibbets, who would fly the Enola Gay to drop the 1st A Bomb on Japan, ending WWII.

Gen. Wainwright congratulates a graduating senior.

General Wainwright An Honored Guest At Commencement

One of the greatest heroes of World War II, General Jonathan Wainwright, who ranked along with General Eisenhower and General MacArthur, accepted the invitation to address Western's seniors in the 1948 commencement.

General Wainwright will always be associated with the gallant and hopeless defense of the Philippines at the start of the war. He was in command of U.S. and Philippine troops, who made an inspiring stand against hopeless odds for six months before being compelled to surrender. Although not a member of Bataan's Death March, he was imprisoned by the Japanese and suffered many cruel indignities. His captivity lasted three years from May 6, 1942, to January 9, 1945.

General Wainwright has written many articles about his defense of the Philippines and his imprisonment by the Japanese. He will be one of the most distinguished visitors ever to appear at Western, and his speech to the seniors will make commencement an occasion that they will never forget.

WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY *With Fifty Years Of School Tradition is a* MINIATURE WEST POINT *Nestling On The* HILLS *Of Upper Alton*

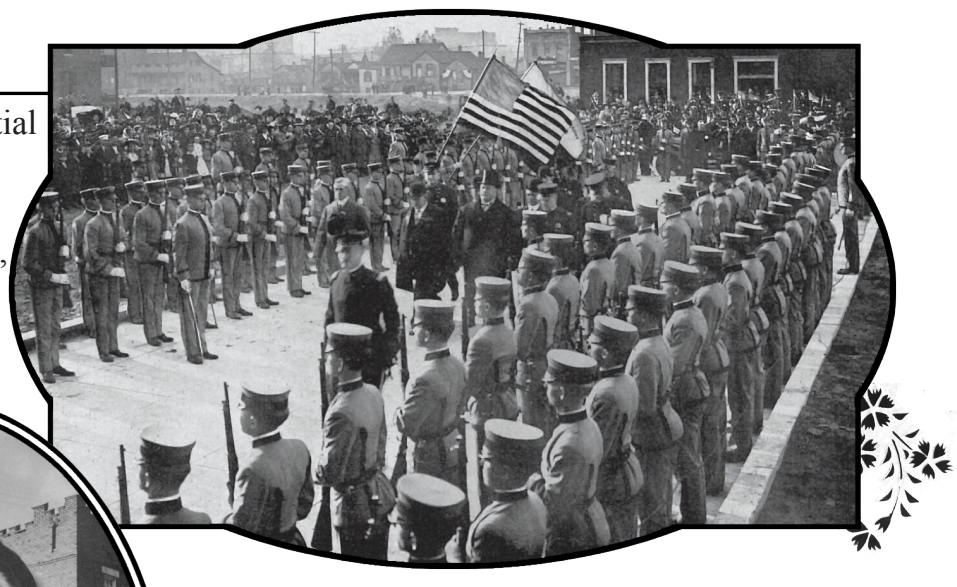
Pioneered by Edward Wyman, this institution has become one of the important military schools of the Midwest with an enrollment of 300 boys, trained scientifically in body and mind -- Besides the usual prep school work they are coached in dancing, riding, swimming, tennis and golf and have five complete football and baseball teams.

Original Wyman Institute

Col. A. M. Jackson

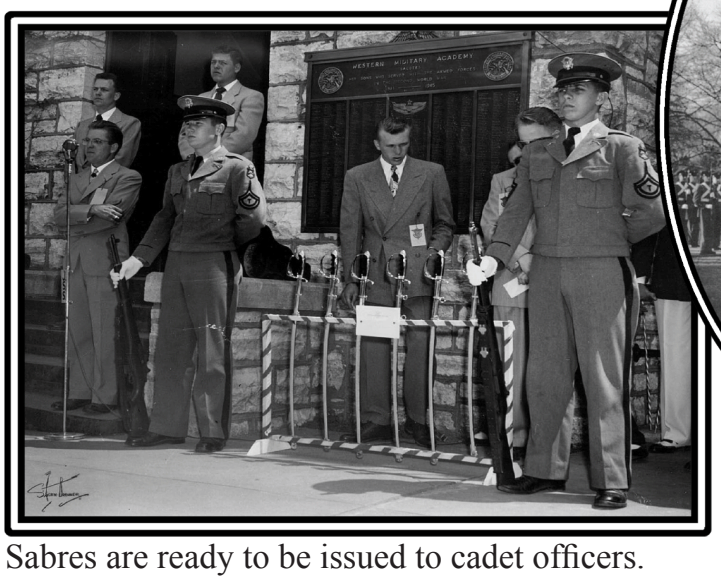
Campus picture

Memorial Gate

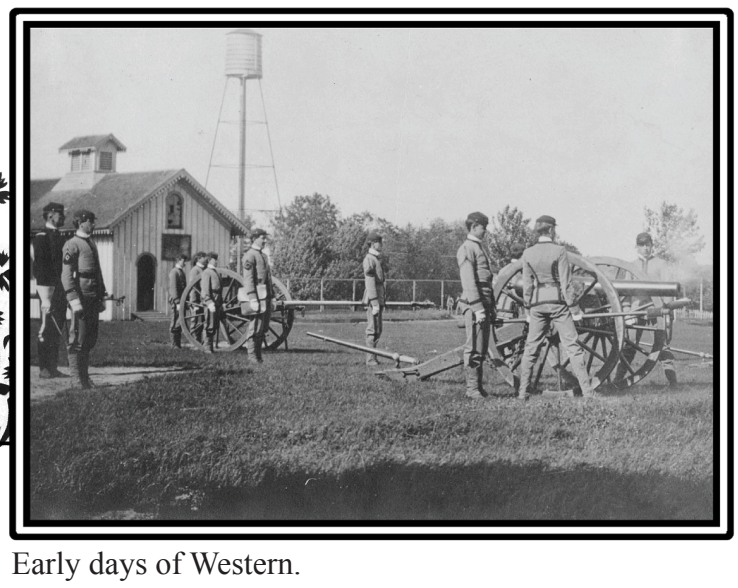


WMA is Presidential Honor Guard for President Taft, Federal Building, East St. Louis, IL., Oct. 25, 1909

Color Guard



Sabres are ready to be issued to cadet officers.



Early days of Western.

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For Continuing The Effort To Keep The Spirit Of Western Alive

Brad Breur, '64
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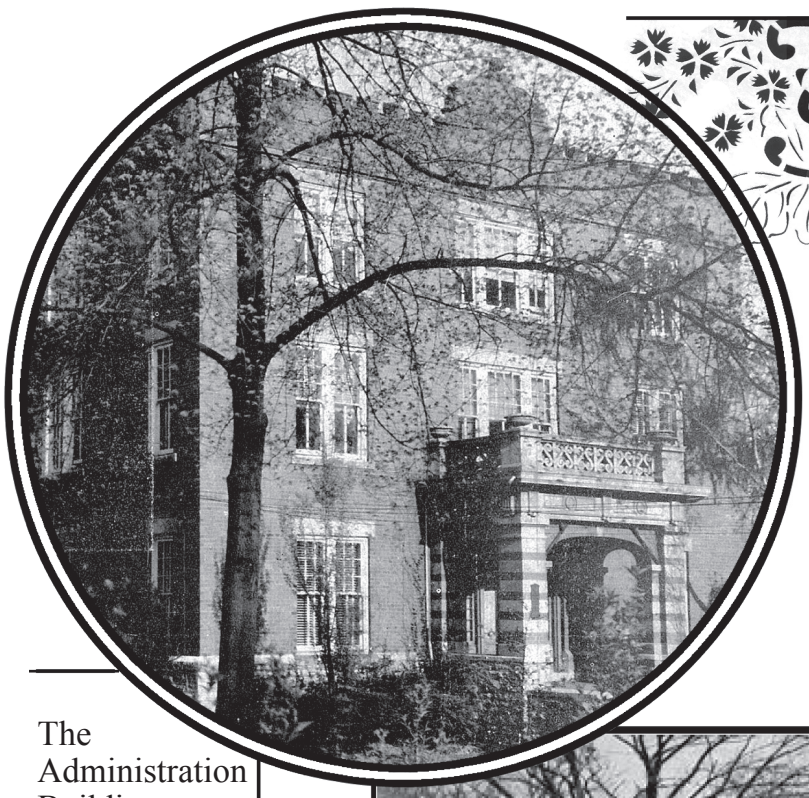

The Administration Building

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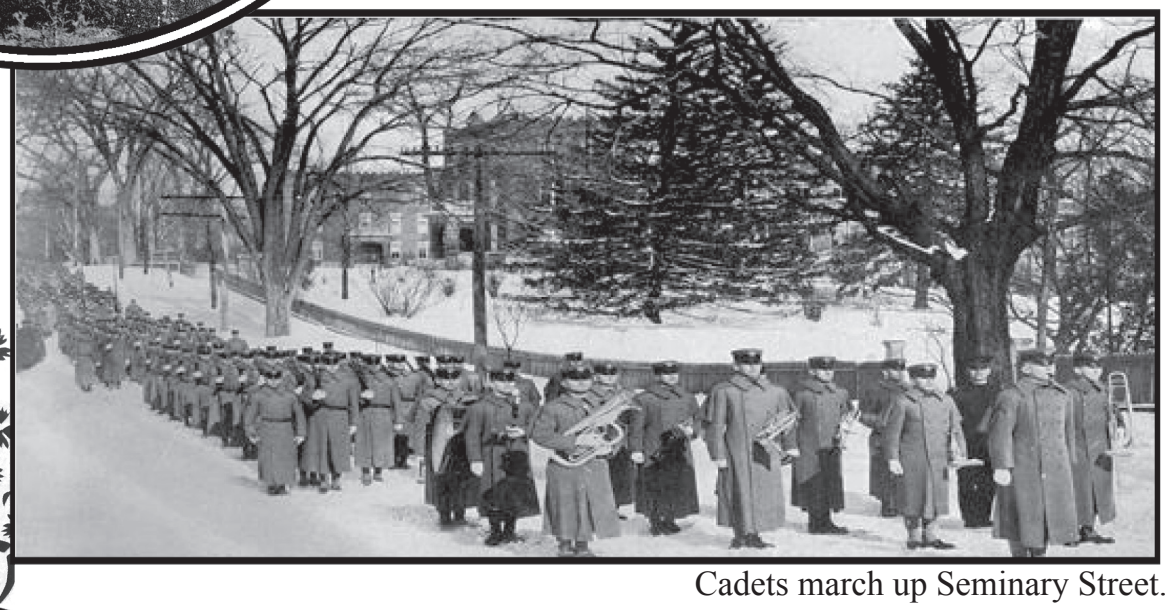
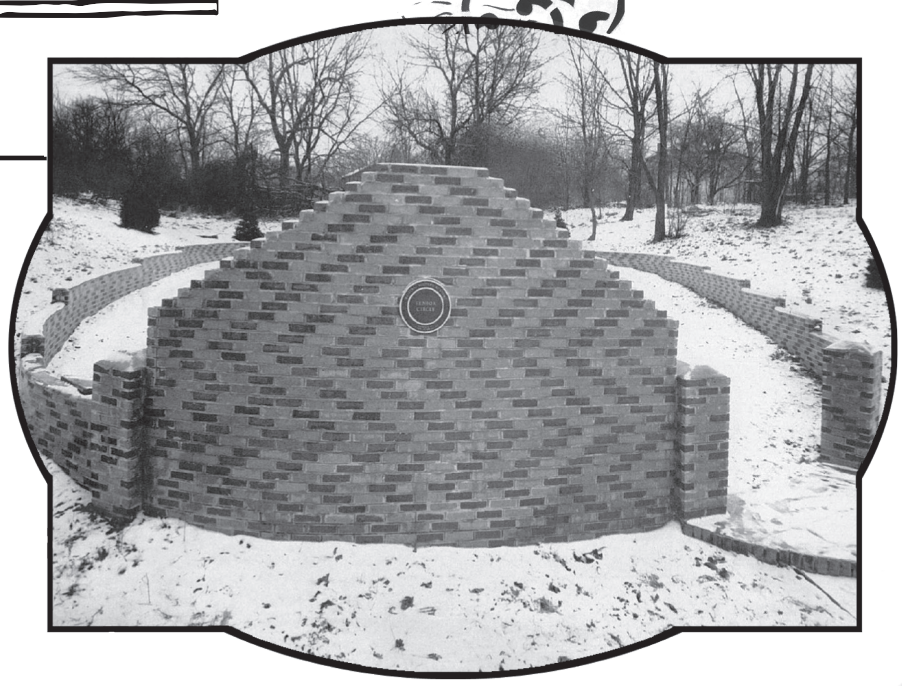


Cadets march up Seminary Street.



The Senior Circle

"Being sent to military (Western) school was one of the best things that ever happened to me," said Dr. Frank "Red" Miller, '52, "They taught me how to study and to have good manners."

Cadet Officers review the parade.

Lowering the Colors

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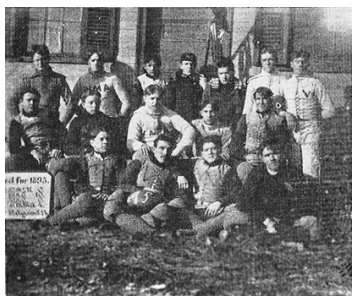


1895 W.M.A. Football Team

CHAMPIONS
Of Yesterday And Today

1895

Western...32	St. Louis U....0
Western...16	Smith Aca...10
Western...20	Smith Aca. ...0
Western.....6	Missouri M.A...4

Today (1925)

Western...26	Granite City…0
Western.....0	Chaminade…..0
Western.....0	Soldan……7
Western.....6	Staunton……..0
Western...12	McBride……..0
Western...45	C.B.C……..6
Western...14	Principia……..0
Western...12	St. Louis U. …0
Western...19	Country Day..13
Western...33	Alton..……0

PEDRO RODRIGUEZ THIRD AT DAYTONA

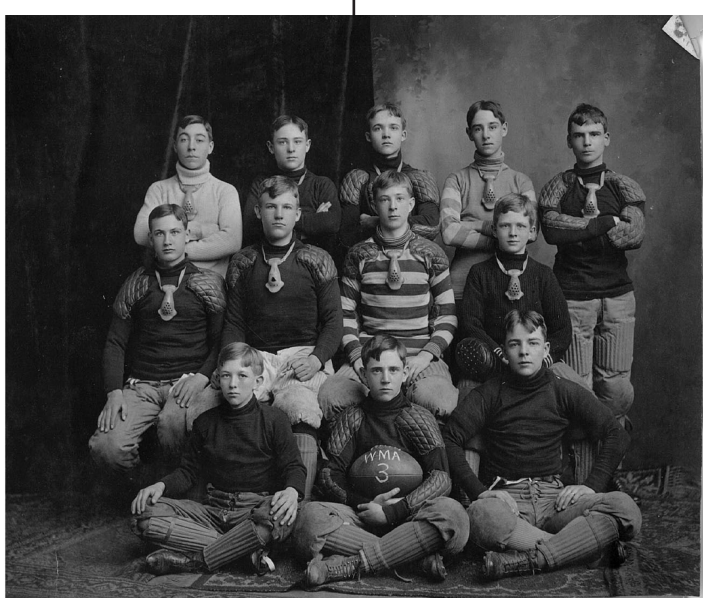
By Ted Reisinger

In the last issue of this paper, it was mentioned that Pedro Rodriguez, a cadet here in 1955-57, had won the South African Grand Prix in auto racing.

On February 6, he and his French partner, Jean Guichet, drove a rebuilt 1966 Ferrari P-4 in the 24-hour Daytona Continental. He had some mechanical trouble, but he managed to come back and win third place with 637 daps and $3,900 in prize money. He will be driving a Ferrari in the 24-hour Le Mans and the 12-hour Sebring races this year. He is considered one of the world's top racing drivers.

DICK GREELY IS EIGHTH IN STATE SWIM MEET

DON MIGUEL TORRES Y PINTO WAS ONE OF THE SCHOOLS' GREATEST ATHLETES



Football Team 1903

GARY MUELLER, '60, IS STILL WRITING FOR POST-DISPATCH

Gary Mueller, '60, former fine "Shrapnel" editor, is writing signed sports articles for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. He graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He was from Belleville, Illinois.

Some of Gary's honors here—Cadet Captain, National Honor Society, President of Club 400, Chairman of MTO, Quill and Scroll, "Recall" staff, Honor Guard, Cadespians and Thespians, "W" Club, dance committees, winner of MTO Emeritus Award.

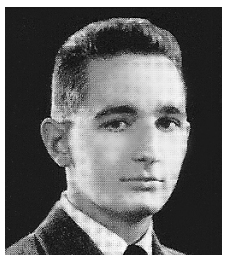
Humphreys, Jackson Represent Western In National Meet

Humphreys Qualifies In The Diving Contests—Jackson Makes Fair Showing In 220 Yard Swim

VOGLER'67 NAMED BEST SWIMMER OF THE YEAR
EDWIN VOGLER III,'67
SET FOUR NEW SCHOOL SWIMMING RECORDS

VOGLER,'67 WINS IN STATE SWIM MEET

R.C. MUCKERMAN,'12
FORMER OWNER OF
THE ST. LOUIS BROWNS
BASEBALL CLUB



Jack Quinlan, '44

WESTERN ALUMNI WAS "VOICE OF THE CUBS" ON WGN CHICAGO

Jack Quinlan fulfilled a lifelong dream when he was named the lead announcer for Cubs baseball on WGN radio. The beloved sportscaster had been voted the best sports announcer in the state of Illinois in 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1965. His partner in the booth was Lou Boudreau and, later in his career, former manager Charlie Grimm. Grimm's son was also a Western Military Academy graduate. The 1944 Recall said that Jack was a good athlete but his special love was baseball. When he died tragically in a 1965 auto accident, tributes came in from across the country. David Condon of the Chicago Tribute wrote, "Jack was class cheer and companionship…He was a happy man at his job. Baseball was the life he wanted and the cubs were his team.."

Ray Ellinwood, '33

WESTERN GRADUATE BREAKS WORLD TRACK RECORD

Ellinwood was a three sport athlete who was an All-Conference football player and a record breaking track star. During his years at Western he broke 11 school records; some of which were still unbroken thirty-eight years later when the school closed. While attending the University of Chicago he broke world record in the 400 yard dash twice in a three week period and was heralded in the track world as one of the leading Gold Medal hopefuls for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. At the height of his track fame, Ellinwood abandoned the sport, mystifying Olympic officials. In 2003, the University of Chicago created an Athletic Hall of Fame. Ray Ellinwood was one of seven inaugural members.

Athletic Group 1895

Basketball Team 1906

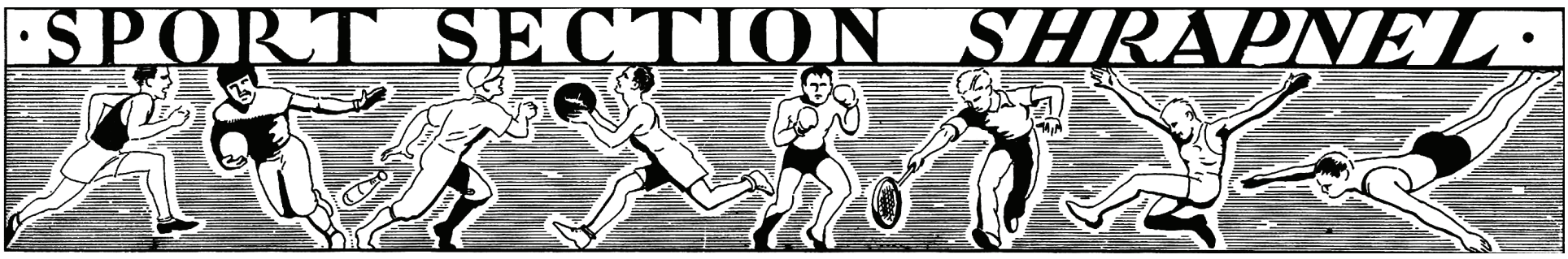
Early Baseball Team

Bill Vogler, 67

FORMER RAIDER SWIMMER LEADS COLLEGE TO NATIONALS

Bill Vogler followed his father and uncle to Western from Carbondale, IL. He then proceeded to rewrite the record book at a school steeped in swimming tradition. By the time Bill graduated in 1967 he had set 6 school records in varied strokes, shattered a decades old 400 yd freestyle record , and won an Illinois state title in the 100 yd butterfly.

His Springfield (Mass.) College team won 4 consecutive conference championships and finished in the top 5 nationally in the NCAA College Division. His senior year, Bill was the team captain and was named an All-American. He later won a national championship while competing in Masters Swimming events.



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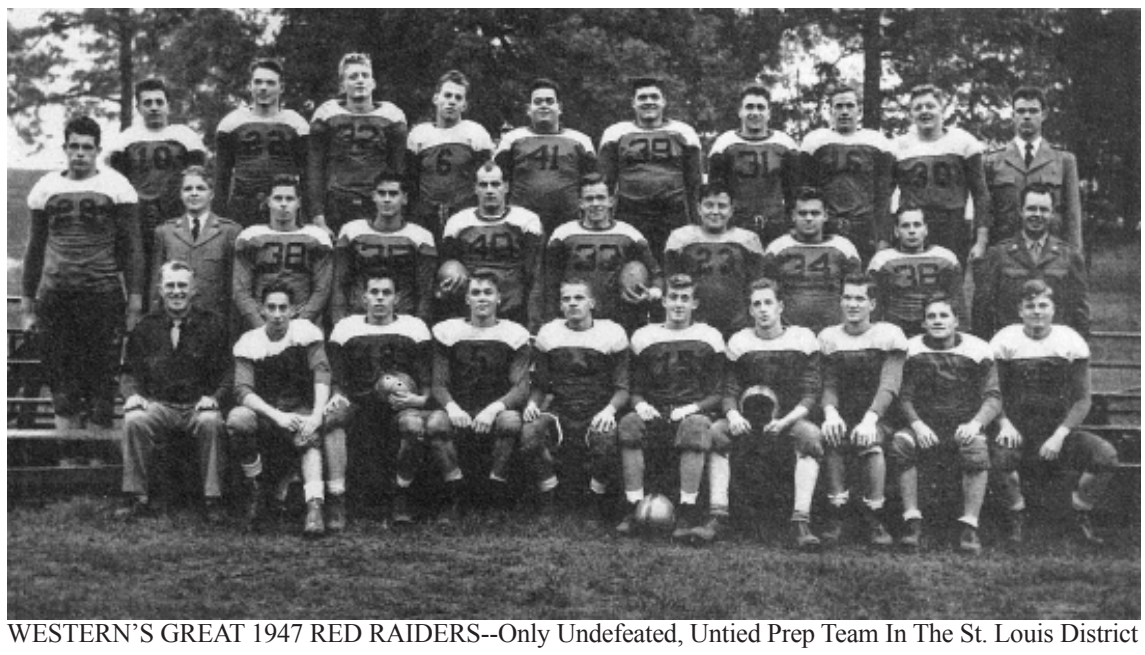
UNDEFEATED WESTERN NIPS ALTON, 6 TO 0

Raiders Are Only Unbeaten, Untied Team Of District



WESTERN'S GREAT 1947 RED RAIDERS--Only Undefeated, Untied Prep Team In The St. Louis District

Bill Kammerer, '38

FORMER CADET MAJOR IS THE TOAST OF NASHVILLE

Bill Kammerer's athletic record at Western left little doubt that he would be a college star. During his 4 year career he earned 12 varsity letters, 4 each in football, basketball and track. He was chosen as captain of 6 of those teams and was the only cadet to serve as President of the "W" Club twice. Kammerer continued his excellence after accepting a scholarship to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Following a remarkable freshman year in which he stared in both football and basketball, a Nashville reporter finished an article praising his talents with this line. "Expert appraisers of athletes describe him as the most versatile ever to matriculate at Vandy."

College was interrupted by World War II where, once again, he distinguished himself earning 4 Bronze Stars while fighting in Europe. During the war Bill Kammerer found a moment to write a letter to his WMA coach.

"No matter where I find myself my thoughts keep turning back to Western..I can't help wondering what good fortune sent me there."

Joe Dugan, '48

WESTERN GRAD STARING FOR THE ARK. RAZORBACKS

Joe Dugan was one of Westerns most accomplished all around cadets. His excellence was on display year round in the athletic arena. He was a three year varsity letterman in both soccer and track. His junior year he ran the 3rd fastest 220 yd dash in the Illinois state meet and he returned to the state championships his senior year as part of a record breaking relay team. Joe's fall sport was football and it was there that he earned the most notoriety. As a senior he was, along with Lane Goodwin, Co-Captain of the only undefeated football team in the St. Louis area. When the season ended the awards began to pour in. Joe was named to the St. Louis Globe Democrats All Metro team, the St. Louis Quarterback Club's most outstanding back and the Chicago Daily News All State team. He received multiple scholarship offers and one Arkansas writer called him, "the most sought after prep star in Illinois."

His freshman team at Arkansas was undefeated and in his 1st year of varsity eligibility he rushed for 105 yds against Texas A+M. An injury would cut short his football days and he would become a successful business man.

Lane Goodwin, '48

FORMER RED RAIDER AT U. OF WISCONSIN LAS CROSSE

The greatest years in Western's athletic history coincide with the class of 1948's four years of attendance. Lane Goodwin and his brother Jim, like their father before them, came to Western from Jackson, MO in the fall of 1944. When he graduated in 1948 he had earned a, never to be equaled, 14 varsity letters; 4 in football, 4 in basketball, 4 in baseball and 2 in track. He was selected to be on the All-District football and basketball squads 3 years in a row. Lane was an All-ABC league choice in both sports his junior and senior years. During his Western career the football team won the conference 3 of the 4 years, the basketball championship all 4 years and the conference track title 3 of the 4 years.

Goodwin went on the play college football at the University of Arkansas and the University of Missouri before returning to Western as a coach and teacher. He later earned his PhD and, while coaching at Wisconsin, La Crosse, started the Adaptive Physical Education program.

HUMPHREYS AND CHOUTEAU CLASS OF 36 BOTH NAMED ALL-AMERICAN SWIMMERS BY SPAULDING CORPORATION

DOUCLEFF HITS 48 POINTS, SETS WMA RECORD

DOUCLEFF HITS 34, PLUS SUDDEN DEATH BASKET

TED MEEKER SETS W.M.A. CROSS COUNTRY RECORD

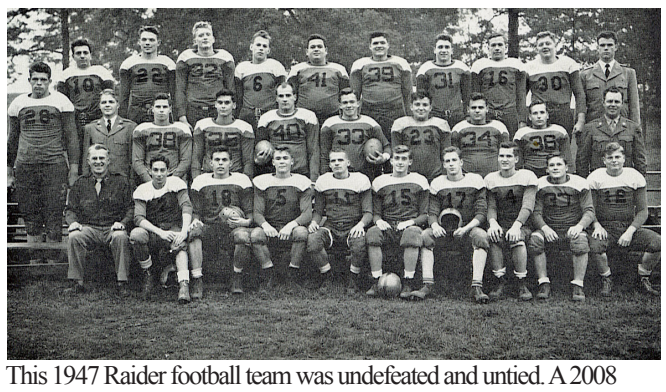
F. Morgan "Buzz" Taylor, '49

WESTERN GRAD INDUCTED AS PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. GOLF ASSOCIATION (USGA)

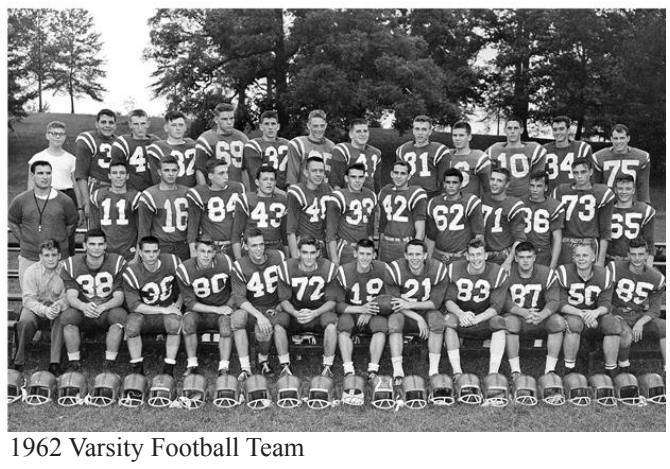
F. Morgan Taylor Jr., or "Buzz", as his classmates knew him, arrived at WMA with a good athletic pedigree. His father was a three time Olympian and a Gold Medal winner in the 1924 Paris games. Buzz stared in three sports at Western. He was the team captain and an All-District selection on the football team and a two year letterman in basketball. Buzz Taylors best sport was track. A 4 year star, he set 2 Madison County meet records in winning the High Jump and the Long Jump. An injury kept him out of the state track meet but his 22ft 3in leap would have won the event. Buzz continued his education at Princeton where he was a standout in both football and track. He starred on Princeton's 1952 football team and during his senior year he long jumped 23 ft 8 3/5 in. to win what was to become the Ivy League conference meet for the second consecutive year.

Buzz Taylor later served as the President of the U.S. Golf Association.

1965, The Big Red foreward line, one of the largest in the country. Combined weight totaling almost 1900 pounds.



This 1947 Raider football team was undefeated and untied. A 2008 publication ranked them the 14th best team in the 100 plus years that high school football has been played in the St. Louis Metropolitan area.



1962 Varsity Football Team

WESTERN MILITARY ACADEMY

WALL OF HONOR

"I would be proud to serve with any Western man. He will never let you down."
-- Maj. General Harry Collins,'15, Commander of the Rainbow Division

1941--1971

KILLED OR DIED IN SERVICE
Lt. Dudley T. Atkins, '41
Pvt. Ralph Biddle, '37
Lt. Douglas M. Boudeman, '36
Volunteer George E. Brannon, '24
Col. Paul A. Brickey, '11
Lt. Thomas E. Cartmell, '36-37
Pvt. Bruce Cohn, '36
Capt. Ralph S. Colby, '35
Capt. Henri Chouteau, '36
Pvt. William Harry Corcoran, '45
Capt. Walter Derris, Jr., '29
Pvt. Otto J. Dickmann, Jr., '42
Lt. A. J. Ellison, '38
Robert Ellison, '63
Lt. Thomas Don Ferguson, '32
Capt, John Franciscus, '25
Comdr. H. S. Fulmer, '29
Pvt. Robert S. Gaston, '41
Cpl. Benjamin Goodman, '43
Lieut. Chester P. Grimm, '33
Lt. (jg) Edwin W. Hampton, '32
Lieut. Robert Hardy, '30
Lt. Carl Helmstetter, Jr., '38
Pvt. Howard Henderson, '41
Lt. (jg) Glenn Higbee, '37
S/Sgt. Joshua Hubbs, '31
Capt. Howard Hummphreys, '36
Pvt. Robert L. Jacobberger, '36
Lt. Gerald Kadet, '39
Pvt. Robert Keller, '42
Cpl. Donald Kottler, '43
A/C Robert Knapp, Jr., '41
Lt. James K. Latham, '39
Capt. Rex K. Latham, '35
Lt. J. B. Lyman, '38
Lt. Col. Max G. McCrory, '28
Lt. Bob McIntyre, '47
Lt. John R. Meyers, '41
Pfc. Robert Minner, '42
Lt. Max S. Mitchell, '30
Bob Moehle,'48
Lt. Comdr. Edward O'Hare, '32
Lt. William H. Oldacre, '39
Pfc. James H. Oliver, '37
Capt. John L. Robinson, '36
Capt. Herman Roesch, '29
Capt. R. W. Rulkoetter, '34
LCpl. Wm J. Sanders '63-65
Herman Schiffers, '34
Lt. Robert B. Secord, '33
Lt. Vance I. Shield, '38
Lt. Peter W. Sommer, '37-38
Capt. George W. Stivers, '38
Lt. (jg) J. Jacque Strause, '21
Sgt. Jon Van Duyn,'63
Lt. Frank Viviano, '29
Capt. Robert E. Winkemeyer, '36

PRISONERS
Capt. Arthur Bredenstein, '32
Capt. Paul Casey, '36
Capt. Walter E. Derris, '29
Capt. Robert A. Foster, '36
Capt. John Fowler, '36
S/Sgt. Robert Kaplan, '43
Capt. Robert Milton Keith, '36
Lt. Edgar Kummer, '42
Capt. Thomas D. Rush, '36
Lt. John Scherer, '40

MISSING
S/Sgt. Douglas Deacon, '39
Lt. C. P. Grimm, '33
S/Sgt. Richard R. Schleyer, '41
Pvt. Robert C. Schulman, '41
Lt. George W. Wenthe, '36

AWARDS & DECORATIONS

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR
Lt. Comdr. Edward H. O'Hare, '32

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS
Capt. Robert H. Cutler, '35
Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, '13
Col. Paul Tibbets, '33

NAVY CROSS
Lt. Floyd A. Johnson, '35

LEGION OF MERIT
Brig. Gen. Cart R. Gray, '07
Lt. Col. Wallace W. Orr, '32
Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, '13

SILVER STAR
Lt. Dudley Atkins, '41 (Post-humously)
Lt. Edwin B. Arvey, '35, with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Lt. Col. H. Wirt Butler, '18
Capt. Ralph A. Colby, '35 (Posthumously)
Capt. Robert H. Cutler, '35
Col. Fred M. Dean, '34
Lt. Jack Ellison, '38
Maj. Arthur E. Hoffman, '32
Lt. Adrian L. Kahle, '41
Capt. Robert M. Keith, '36
Lt. Martin J. Kelley, '31
Lt. Col. Max G. McCrory, '28
Lt. Col. Charles L. McMackin, '34
Lt. Lazarus Peara, '42
Lt. Fred S. Pfahler, '29
Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, '13, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. David J. Roth, '41
Lt. Vance I. Shield, Jr., '38 (Posthumously)
Major P. L. Wilson, '15

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
George G. Cummins, AOM 3/c, '43
Col. Fred M. Dean, '34, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. Clinton D. Hamilton, '36
Maj. Arthur E. Hoffman, '32
Lt. Scott A. Homan, Jr., '38
Lt. Col. Joseph L. McCroskey, '35
Lt. H. Russell Norden, '35
Maj. William Pitt Norris, '38
Maj. Robert I. Paullin, '34
Capt. George N. Robertson, '32
S/Sgt. Warren W. Stubbs, '31, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Col. Paul Tibbets, '33

OFFICERS' MEDAL
Capt. Clinton D. Hamilton, '36

SOLDIER'S MEDAL
Lt. Martin J. Kelley, '31
Lt. Charles L. Martin, '32

BRONZE STAR
Sgt. Edward F. Anixter, '35
Maj. Harold J. Abrams, '34
Lt. Col. Rufus K. Barton, Jr., '31
Lt. Robert Baumgartner, '35, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Richard W. Bear, '28
Col. Paul A. Brickey, '11
Lt. Col. H. Wirt Butler, '18
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Lt. Jack Ellison, '38
Lt. Robert M. Epsteen, '42
Maj. Melvin H. Glick, '33
S/Sgt. Rowe V. Griffith, '39
Capt. John B. Henderson, '37
Lt. William A. Jackson, '41
Lt. Adrian L. Kahle, '41
Lt. Edgar H. Kummer, '42
Lt. Col. Max G. McCrory, '28
Lt. Col. Charles L. McMackin, '34
Lt. Ira Marks, '39
Lt. Charles L. Martin, Jr., '31, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Max Mitchell, '30 (Post-humously)
Capt. George S. Montooth, '36
Lt. Col. Edwin R. Niehaus, Jr., '30
Lt. Col. Wallace W. Orr, '36
Pvt. Richard R. Ramey, '43
Brig. Gen. Edwin H. Randle, '13
Capt. George M. Robertson, '32, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. David J. Roth, '41
S/Sgt. Richard R. Schleyer, '41
Lt. William S. Schuwerk, '38
S/Sgt. William Eugene Shea, '42
Pvt. Allan E. Simpson, '40
Capt. Andrew P. Titus, Jr., '33
Lt. Arthur J. Weis, '42
Capt. Clifford F. Young, '37

AIR MEDAL
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Lt. John E. Cochran, '42
George G. Cummins, AOM 3/c, '43
T/Sgt. Douglas A. Deacon, '39
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S/Sgt. Donald P. Hale, '43, with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Capt. Clinton D. Hamilton, '36
Capt. William D. Hector, '35, with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Maj. Arthur E. Hoffman, '32, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Scott A. Holman, Jr., '36
Ensign Albert J. Honegger, '42, with Gold Star
Lt. Floyd A. Johnson, '35
Lt. H. Russell Norden, '35, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Maj. William Pitt Norris, '38, with two Oak Leaf Clusters
Maj. Robert I. Paullin, '34
Capt. George M. Robertson, '32
Lt. John P. Scherer, '40, with three Oak Leaf Clusters
Capt. Reynold Scott, '21
Lt. Edward M. Sharp, '36
S/Sgt. Warren W. Stubbs, '31, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Col. Paul Tibbets, '33, with three Oak Leaf Clusters

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION
S/Sgt. Raymond J. Bressler, '32
Lt. George H. Brenner, Jr., '28
Lt. Col. H. Wirt Butler, '18
Lt. Comdr. Lanson B. Ditto, Jr., '38
Lt. Col. Carlton A. Fisher, '16, with Star
TM 1/c Arthur Franz, '25
S/Sgt. Donald P. Hale, '43
1st Sgt. John C. Hodgson, '39
Sgt. Frank L. Johnson, '42, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Adrian L. Kahle, '41
Cpl. Jay L. Lickey, '40, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Lt. Col. Max G. McCrory, '28
Pvt. Russel D. Meyer, Jr., '39
Capt. George S. Montooth, '36, with Bronze Cluster
Maj. William Pitt Norris, '38
Cpl. Joseph E. O'Malley, '37
Maj. Robert I. Paullin, '34
Lt. Phillip E. Pettes, '37
P. F. C. Burton B. Ruby, '37
S/Sgt. William L. Sackett, '34
S/Sft. Richard R. Schleyer, '41
Capt. Thomas R. Spencer, '21, with Oak Leaf Cluster
Capt. John Thogerson, '34, with Oak Leaf Cluster
P. F. C. Arthur W. Westermayer, '41
S/Sgt. Sheldon L. Zwieback, '39

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN'S BADGE
Sgt. Edward F. Anixter, '35
Lt. Robert Baumgartner, '35
P. F. C. Irwin A. Bergman, '42
Lt. Harold P. Bisch, III, '41
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Pvt. Henry G. Drosten, '43
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Lt. Edgar H. Kummer, '42
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Lt. Joseph R. Weiss, Jr., '29

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P. F. C. Morton Gelb, '35
P. F. C. William A. Monaghan, '43
Pvt. David C. Tatum, '25

PURPLE HEART
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Lt. Robert Baumgartner, '35
Lt. Harold P. Bisch, III, '41
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Lt. Jack Ellison, '38
Lt. Jesse L. Gary, Jr., '41
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Maj. P. L. Wilson, '15

FOURAGERE
Capt. Robert M. Cutler, '35
Lt. William A. Jackson, '41

MERCHANT MARINE EMBLEM
Purser James D. Heinlein, '32
Ensign Ernest E. LaMertha, '30

GOLD WREATH
T/Sgt. Warren S. Peavler, '30

FOREIGN DECORATIONS

FRENCH CROIX de GUERRE
Maj. Gen. Harry Collins, '15
Lt. Col. Max G. McCrory, '28
Lt. Col. Charles L. McMackin, '34

BRITISH DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
Col. Fred M. Dean, '34